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Henry W. Lamb, trustee of the Brookline Public Library, spoke on the general theme of **THE FUNCTION OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEE**. He compared the trustee's functions to those of a legislator, judge and a diplomat and gave especial attention to the trustee as a diplomat. He said that the trustee is able to tell the librarian or the board how a project is likely to strike that part of the outside public that does not use the library, and especially that part of it which has to be asked to make appropriations. He is like a diplomat who may be called upon to negotiate a treaty but finds it is his duty first to report upon the state of feeling that he is likely to encounter.

He emphasized the need of having on every board some men who are men of affairs and of wide acquaintance in the community rather than members of the scholarly professions and he urged that men of business activity and social inclination serve as library trustees when the opportunity was offered.

Rev. Alexander Mann, president of the Boston Public Library Board, spoke on **THE FUNCTION OF THE LIBRARY TRUSTEE**. He said that a trustee should set an example to the library staff by his perfect confidence in the librarian. That he should not go into petty matters or go behind the

man who is in charge. The library must have the full confidence of the board. In trying to get appropriations the trustee must go at it in a human kind of way and must try to make the city council see how interesting and important the work of the library is.

The last speaker was George H. Tripp, librarian of the New Bedford Public Library, on the theme **THEY ALSO SERVE**. He said that neither the librarian nor the trustee should be a specialist in any line. The library should be kept out of politics. The librarian should be unhampered in administration. He suggested that a library board might be made up of one-third business men, one-third professional men and one-third men of leisure. Mr. Tripp's paper will appear in an early issue of *Public Libraries*.

The report of the Committee on Pensions and Benefits for Librarians was presented, but not read because of lack of time. The committee is composed of Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross, Rensselaer, Ind., chairman, Mrs. C. Henry Smith, Boulder, Colo., J. S. Carter, Milwaukee, Wis.

The officers for 1920-21 continue for 1921-22: Chairman, F. H. Pettingill; Secretary, Mrs. Ora Thompson Ross.

IONE P. OVERFIELD,  
Secretary pro tem.

## WORK WITH NEGROES ROUND TABLE

A round table discussion for workers among colored people was arranged for Wednesday morning in response to a considerable demand. Among others there were present Lloyd W. Josselyn from Birmingham, Ala., George T. Settle and Jennie M. Flexner from Louisville, Ky., Mary D. Pretlow and assistants from Norfolk, Va., Joseph F. Marion from Jacksonville, Fla., Mary U. Rothrock from Knoxville, Tenn., and Ernestine Rose from the New York Public Library.

The discussion brought out different points of view, differing methods, and widely divergent conditions. Miss Rose opened the discussion by describing the

work of the 135th Street Branch of the N. Y. P. L. which lies in the center of the largest negro city in the world, and where the experiment of a staff including both white and colored workers is being tried with apparent success.

Mr. Settle and Miss Flexner told of the two colored branches in Louisville, and of the school for the instruction of their colored workers. In this school negro girls are being trained for various library positions throughout the country, but particularly in the South.

At Norfolk, Va., a colored branch will be opened in July.

Miss Rothrock, of Knoxville, spoke of

the difficulties attending colored representation on the governing board of the library. This subject was discussed somewhat at length, several libraries believing in a less formal participation of colored opinion, for instance, in an advisory capacity only.

In Jacksonville there is a room for the colored people in the main library, an arrangement far from satisfactory in Mr. Marion's opinion.

The type of reading done by negroes, their capacity for intellectual development, the social status of colored workers on the staff, and the problems attending their position as co-workers with white assistants, were all discussed with lively interest and a spirit of generous service.

It was interesting to note that the N. A. A. C. P., which is co-operating in a

friendly manner with the work in New York, and is considered there a beneficial and moderate agency, where it stands out in opposition to more radical organizations, is viewed with distrust in the South, where its propaganda is particularly active. Quite as interesting, is the fact that Marcus Garvey's strikingly radical ideas for a back to Africa movement have gained little ground in the South, but apparently flourish better in the fertile soil of the developing race consciousness apparent in the North.

Leonora E. Herron, librarian of Hampton Institute, was present and contributed to the discussion by a description of her work in Hampton.

Those present voted unanimously to establish a permanent round table dealing with this work and its problems.

EBNESTINE ROSE,  
Temporary Chairman.

## AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

The sixteenth annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries was held at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Mass., from June 21st to 24th, with President Frederick C. Hicks, of the Columbia University Law Library, presiding.

The papers which were presented at the meeting were:\*

Address of welcome, Sumner Y. Wheeler, Secretary, Essex Bar Association;

President's address, Frederick C. Hicks, printed in the *Library Journal*, July, 1921;

The county law library system in Massachusetts, by Howard L. Stebbins, Librarian, Social Law Library, Boston;

John Himes Arnold, by Edward B. Adams, Librarian, Harvard Law School;

Appreciation of Alexander H. R. Fraser, by E. E. Willever, Librarian, Cornell University Law School;

The bibliography of naval and military law, by Arthur C. Pulling, Librarian, University of Minnesota Law School;

The papers read at this meeting will appear in *Law Library Journal*.

Developments in state libraries, by George S. Godard, State Librarian, Connecticut;

Historical sketch of American legal periodicals, by Marion Brainerd, Maine State Library;

Present problems of law publishing, by Burdett A. Rich, Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Company;

Famous and curious wills, by Mrs. Gladys Judd Day, Librarian, Hartford Bar Library.

One of the sessions was a joint session with the National Association of State Libraries.

The report of the Committee on New Members showed the addition of forty-four new members within the past year, and the committee was continued with its present membership.

Franklin O. Poole gave a very thorough report on the work of the Committee on the Index to Legal Periodicals, and the committee was directed to continue its negotia-